CHAPTER NO. 719

SENATE BILL NO. 2430

By Crutchfield, Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2357

By Arriola

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116, relative to assistance to disabled, illiterate, or blind voters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(A) Where voting machines are used, have the ballot marked on a voting machine or on a paper ballot subject to the provisions of Section 2-7-117 by any person of the voter's selection or by one (1) of the judges of the voter's choice in the presence of either a judge of a different political party or, if such judge is not available, an election official of a different political party; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116 (a)(1), is further amended by deleting subdivision (B) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B) Where voting machines are not used, have the ballot marked by any person of the voter's selection or by one (1) of the judges of the voter's choice in the presence of either a judge of a different political party or, if such judge is not available, an election official of a different political party.

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 30, 1998

APPROVED this 8th day of April 1998

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